CURRENT CLAIMS

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Claims 1-20 (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) A multiplier circuit, comprising:

a partial products generator capable of receiving a multiplicand value and a multiplier value and generating a plurality of partial products;

a first summing array capable of summing a first subset of the partial products to produce a first summation value; and

a second summing array capable of summing a second subset of the partial products to produce a second summation value;

wherein at least one of:

at least some of the partial products in the first subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products; and

at least some of the partial products in the second subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products.

- 22. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 21, wherein: the first subset comprises even ones of the plurality of partial products; and the second subset comprises odd ones of the plurality of partial products.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 21, wherein: the first summing array comprises a first plurality of adders; and the second summing array comprises a second plurality of adders.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 23, wherein each of the first plurality of adders and the second plurality of adders comprises a carry-save adder.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 21, further comprising an adder capable of summing the first summation value and the second summation value to produce a third summation value.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 25, wherein:
 the first summation value comprises a first N-bit sum value and a first N-bit carry value;
 the second summation value comprises a second N-bit sum value and a second N-bit carry value; and

the third summation value comprises a third N-bit sum value and a third N-bit carry value.

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- 27. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 26, further comprising a second adder capable of adding the third N-bit sum value and the third N-bit carry value to produce a 2N-bit resulting sum value and a 1-bit resulting carry value.
 - 28. (Previously Presented) The multiplier circuit of Claim 27, wherein: the adder comprises a carry-save adder; and the second adder comprises a carry-propagate adder.

- 29. (Previously Presented) A data processor, comprising:
- a plurality of pipelined execution units, at least one of the pipelined execution units comprising a multiplier circuit;

the multiplier circuit comprising:

- a partial products generator capable of receiving a multiplicand value and a multiplier value and generating a plurality of partial products;
- a first summing array capable of summing a first subset of the partial products to produce a first summation value; and
- a second summing array capable of summing a second subset of the partial products to produce a second summation value;

wherein at least one of:

at least some of the partial products in the first subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products; and

at least some of the partial products in the second subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products.

30. (Previously Presented) The data processor of Claim 29, wherein: the first subset comprises even ones of the plurality of partial products; and the second subset comprises odd ones of the plurality of partial products.

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- 31. (Previously Presented) The data processor of Claim 29, wherein: the first summing array comprises a first plurality of adders; and the second summing array comprises a second plurality of adders.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The data processor of Claim 31, wherein each of the first plurality of adders and the second plurality of adders comprises a carry-save adder.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The data processor of Claim 29, wherein the multiplier circuit further comprises:

a first adder capable of summing the first summation value and the second summation value to produce a third summation value, wherein the first summation value comprises a first N-bit sum value and a first N-bit carry value, the second summation value comprises a second N-bit sum value and a second N-bit carry value, and the third summation value comprises a third N-bit sum value and a third N-bit carry value; and

a second adder capable of adding the third N-bit sum value and the third N-bit carry value to produce a 2N-bit resulting sum value and a 1-bit resulting carry value.

34. (Previously Presented) The data processor of Claim 33, wherein: the first adder comprises a carry-save adder; and the second adder comprises a carry-propagate adder.

- 35. (Previously Presented) The data processor of Claim 29, wherein:
 the multiplier circuit comprises one of a plurality of multiplier circuits; and
 the plurality of multiplier circuits comprises a first multiplier in a floating point unit and a
 second multiplier in an integer unit.
 - 36. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

generating a plurality of partial products using a multiplicand value and a multiplier value at a partial products generator;

summing a first subset of the partial products to produce a first summation value; and summing a second subset of the partial products to produce a second summation value; wherein at least one of:

at least some of the partial products in the first subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products; and

at least some of the partial products in the second subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 36, wherein: the first subset comprises even ones of the plurality of partial products; and the second subset comprises odd ones of the plurality of partial products.

38. (Previously Presented)

The method of Claim 36, wherein:

summing the first subset of the partial products comprises summing the first subset of the

partial products using a first plurality of adders; and

summing the second subset of the partial products comprises summing the second subset

of the partial products using a second plurality of adders.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 38, further comprising:

summing the first summation value and the second summation value to produce a third

summation value using a third adder, wherein the first summation value comprises a first N-bit

sum value and a first N-bit carry value, the second summation value comprises a second N-bit

sum value and a second N-bit carry value, and the third summation value comprises a third N-bit

sum value and a third N-bit carry value; and

summing the third N-bit sum value and the third N-bit carry value to produce a 2N-bit

resulting sum value and a 1-bit resulting carry value using a fourth adder.

40. (Previously Presented)

The method of Claim 39, wherein:

each of the first plurality of adders and the second plurality of adders comprises a carry-

save adder;

the third adder comprises a carry-save adder; and

the fourth adder comprises a carry-propagate adder.

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41. (Previously Presented) A processor, comprising:

at least one pipelined execution unit comprising a multiplier, the multiplier capable of:

generating a plurality of partial products using a multiplicand value and a multiplier value;

summing a first subset of the partial products to produce a first summation value; and

summing a second subset of the partial products to produce a second summation value;

wherein at least one of:

at least some of the partial products in the first subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products; and

at least some of the partial products in the second subset are non-sequential ones of the plurality of partial products.